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December 20, 2024

**By ECF**

Hon. Lewis J. Liman  
United States District Judge  
500 Pearl Street, Room 1620  
New York, NY 10007

Re: *Dillard v. News Corporate Services Inc., et al,*  
No.: 1:24-cv-05050 (LJL)

Dear Judge Liman:

This firm represents Defendants NYP Holdings, Inc. and News Corporate Services Inc. in the above-captioned action. I write now under Rule 1.D of the Court's Individual Practices in Civil Cases to request that the Court re-schedule the initial pretrial conference in this matter.

At the request of Plaintiff's counsel (ECF No. 17), yesterday, the Court re-scheduled that conference from today to January 14, 2025 at 10 am (ECF No. 18). Unfortunately, on January 14, 2025 at 10 am, I am scheduled to attend an in-person status conference in *Smartmatic USA Corp. et al v. Fox Corp., et al.*, No. 151136/2021 (N.Y. Cnty Sup. Ct.) I am generally available the week of January 14<sup>th</sup>, including in the afternoon of the 14<sup>th</sup> itself. But I am unavailable at 10 am.



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I provide the following information under the Court's Rule 1.D:

- (1) The original date of the pretrial conference: **December 20, 2024**;
- (2) The number of previous requests for adjournment or extensions of time: **Opposing counsel requested one adjournment of this conference**;
- (3) Whether these previous requests were granted or denied: **The Court granted the adjournment, adjourning the conference until January 14, 2025**;
- (4) Whether the opposing party consents, and, if not, the reasons given by the opposing party for refusing to consent: **Opposing counsel consents to re-schedule the conference**; and
- (5) the date of the parties' next scheduled appearance before the Court: **The January 14<sup>th</sup> conference is the only scheduled appearance. Thus, re-scheduling this conference should not affect any other dates**

Accordingly, Defendants respectfully request that the Court reschedule the initial pre-trial conference, currently scheduled for January 14, 2025. We appreciate the Court's attention to this matter.

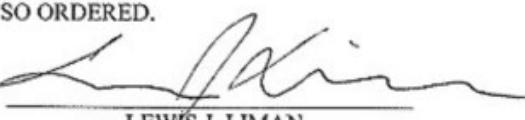
Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Steven G. Mintz*

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Cc: Counsel of Record (By ECF)

The Initial Pretrial Conference scheduled for January 14, 2025 is adjourned to January 21, 2025 at 3:00 PM.

SO ORDERED.  
  
 LEWIS J. LIMAN  
 United States District Judge

December 23, 2024